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In re the application of: Curtis, Rory A.J.

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OF PROTEINS AND USES THEREOF

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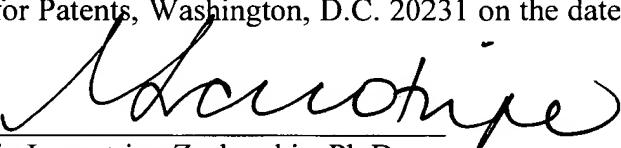
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2002 (Paper No. 11) which issued in the above referenced application. A request for the appropriate extension of time in which to respond is being submitted herewith. Responsive to the office action, please amend the above identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-19 and 22-26, without prejudice, and add new claims 46-49 as follows.

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